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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the Specification

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application prior to examination.

On line 1, immediately following the title "Interface Module for Local Data

Networks" kindly insert the following paragraph:

A1 --This application claims priority to German Application No. 199 48 897.5 filed on October 11, 1999 and International Application No. PCT/EP00/09882 filed on October 9, 2000, the entire contents of each are hereby incorporated by reference.--

Simply to correct a typographical error, kindly replace the last paragraph on page 18

continuing onto page 19 as follows:

A2 A first alloy system has the composition  $\text{Co}_a(\text{Fe}_{1-c}\text{Mn}_c)_b\text{Ni}_d\text{M}_e\text{Si}_x\text{B}_y\text{C}_z$ , with M indicating one or more elements from the group Nb, Mo, Ta, Cr, W, Ge, and/or P and  $a+b+d+e+x+y+z = 100$ , with

Co:  $a = 40 - 82 \text{ at\%}$ , preferably  $55 < a < 72 \text{ at\%}$ ,